

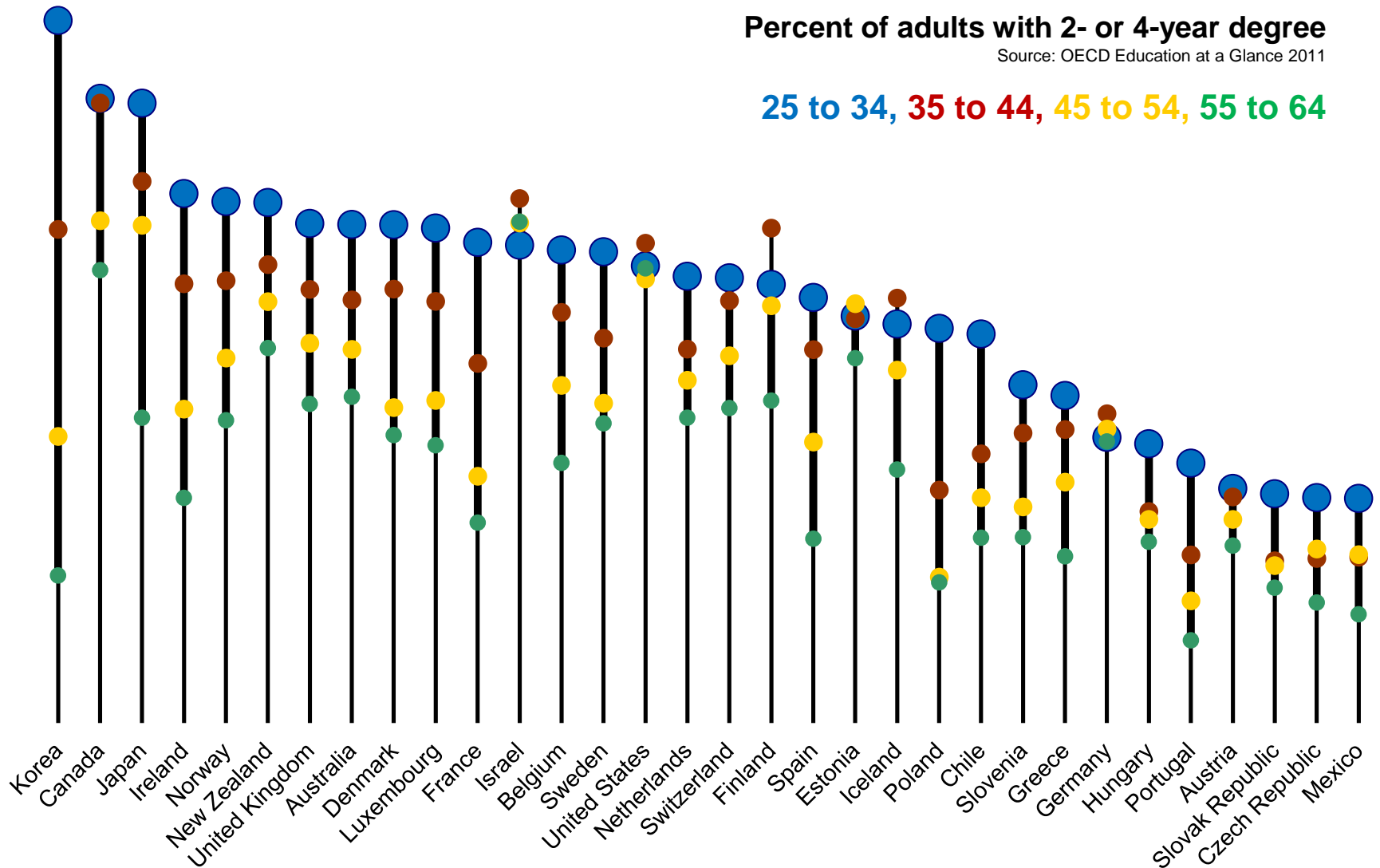
The big goal:

To increase the proportion of Americans with **high-quality degrees and credentials** to **60 percent** by the year **2025**.

Percent of adults with 2- or 4-year degree

Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2011

25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64



	62	Korea	
	60		US states
	58		25 to 34 year olds
	56	Canada/Japan	
Massachusetts	54		
	52		
	50		
Minnesota	48	Ireland	
New York		Norway/New Zealand	
North Dakota/Iowa/Connecticut	46		
New Jersey		United Kingdom/Australia/Denmark	
Maryland	44	Luxembourg	
New Hampshire/Nebraska		France/Israel	
South Dakota/Illinois/Pennsylvania/Vermont	42	Belgium/Sweden	
Virginia/Kansas/Rhode Island		United States	
Colorado	40	Netherlands/Switzerland	
Wisconsin/Washington/Hawaii		Finland	
	38	Spain	
Utah		Estonia	
Missouri/Montana/Ohio	36	Iceland	
North Carolina/MI/IN/CA/DE/ID		Poland/Chile	
Florida/Oregon/South Carolina/Maine	34		
Wyoming/Georgia			
	32		
Mississippi/Alabama			
KY/TN/OK/AZ/AK/TX	30	Slovenia	
New Mexico		Greece	
Nevada	28		
Louisiana/West Virginia			
	26	Germany	
Arkansas		Hungary	
	24		
	22		

Orange	64
	60
Wake	56
Durham/Mecklenburg	52
New Hanover	48
Watauga	44
Buncombe/Chatham/Forsyth/Guilford/Pitt	40
	36
	32
	28
	24
Sampson/Robeson/Vance	20
Caswell/Duplin/Edgecombe	
Stokes/Greene	16
Anson	12
	8

Korea

North Carolina counties

25 to 34 years old

(population over 20,000)

Canada/Japan

Ireland
Norway/New Zealand

United Kingdom/Australia/Denmark
Luxembourg/France/Israel
Belgium/Sweden

United States
Netherlands/Switzerland/Finland
Spain/Estonia
Iceland
Poland/Chile

Slovenia
Greece

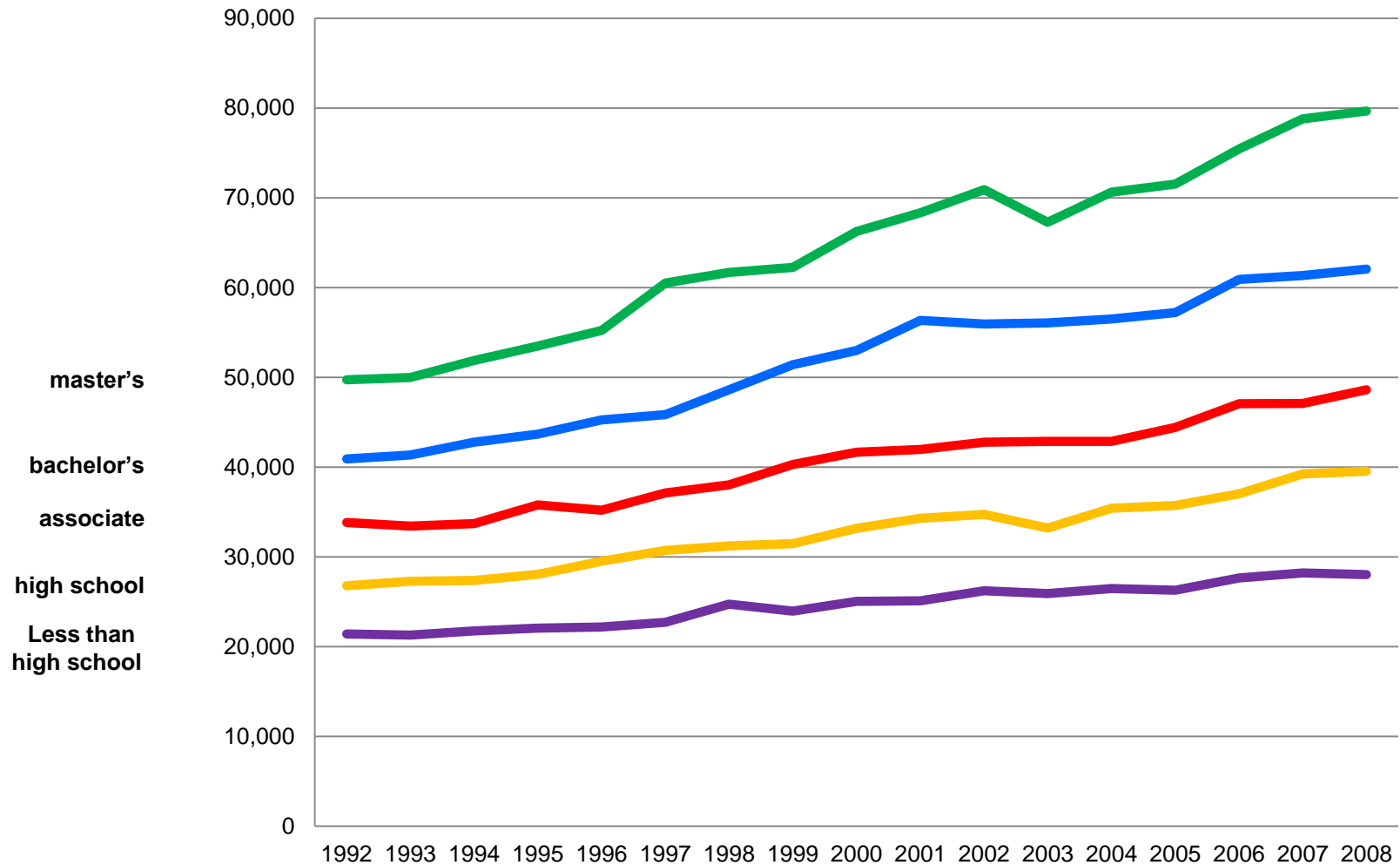
Germany/Hungary

Portugal
Austria/Slovak Republic/Czech Republic
Mexico/Italy

Turkey

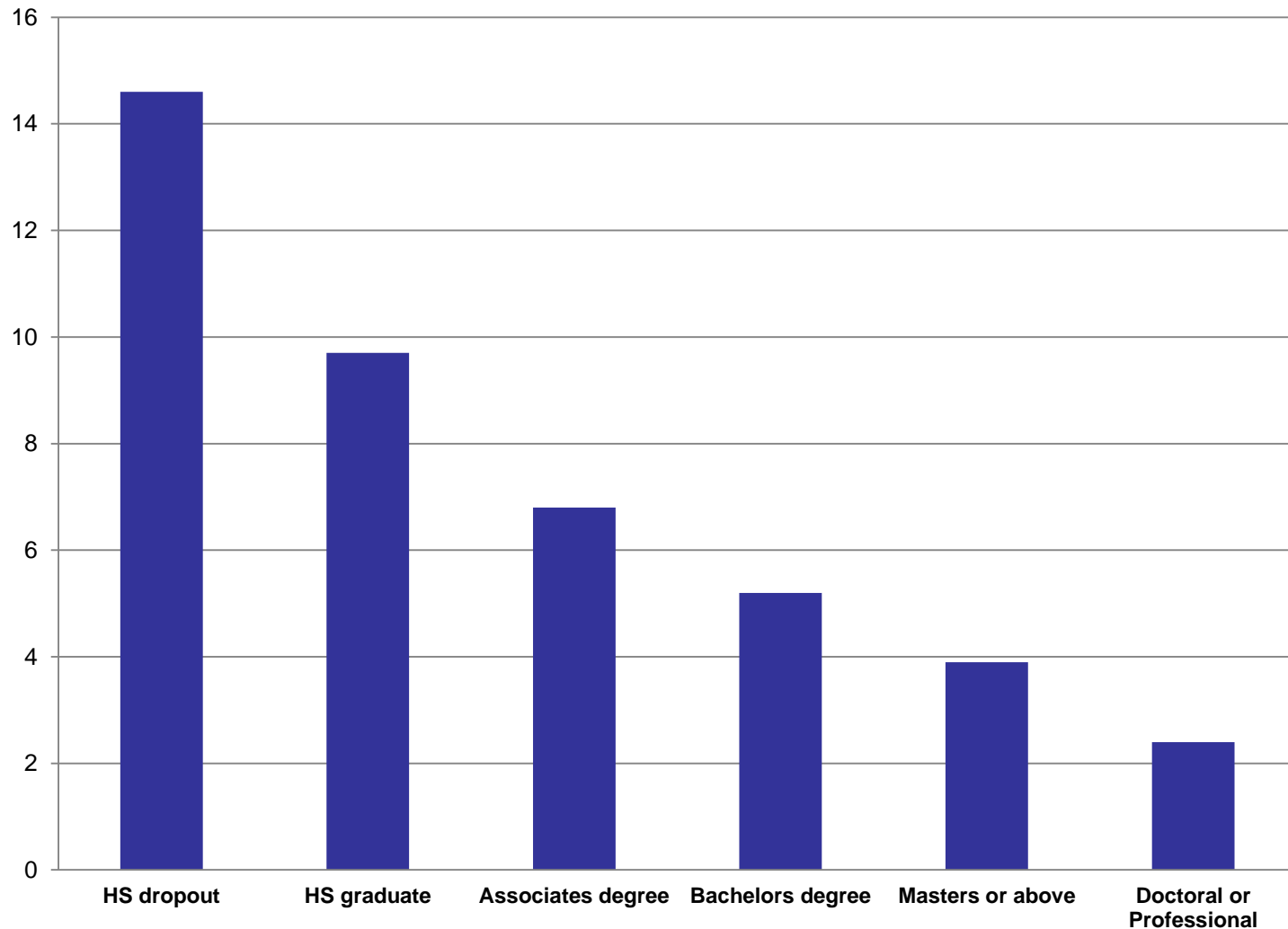
Income by level of education

Source: US Census, Current Population Survey



Unemployment by level of education

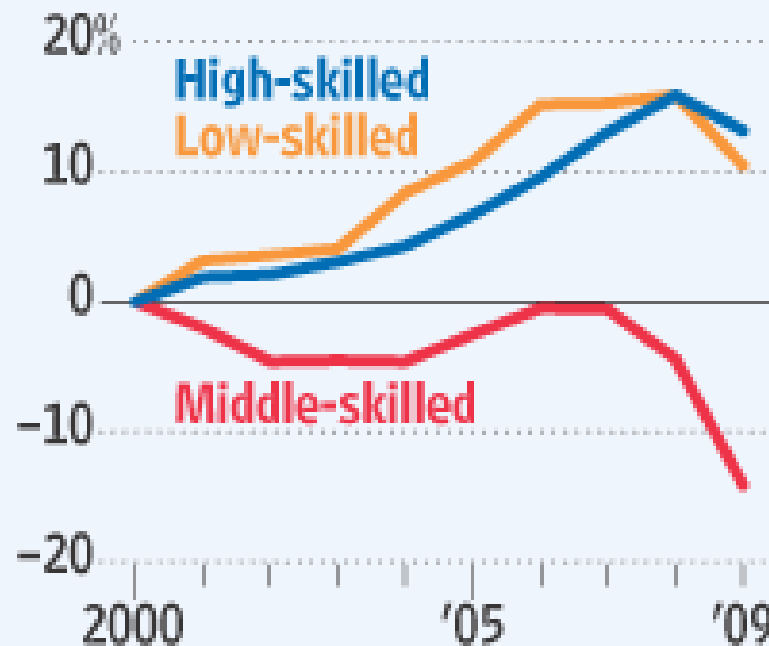
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009



Stuck in the Middle

The recession has accelerated a longer-term decline in middle-skilled, middle-wage jobs.

Cumulative change in employment since 2000, by skill level



Sources: David Autor, MIT; Labor Dept.

In North Carolina, 1,132,000 working-age adults have attended college but don't have a degree.

